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Strategy Focus

Use the pictures to help you **predict** what happens at Mardi Gras.



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Key Vocabulary

bushy fluffy or thick like a bush

costume a set of clothes for
dressing up

disguise a costume or make-up
that makes someone look
different

handsome good-looking

mirror a surface, such as glass,
that reflects an image

mustache thick hair that grows
above a man's lip

Word Teaser

You look at me to see yourself.
What am I?



Every year, there's a big party. It is called Mardi Gras (MAR dee grah).



Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesday.
There are lots of parades, food, and fun.



The biggest Mardi Gras party
is in New Orleans, Louisiana.



There are parades at Mardi Gras.



People dress up in costumes.



People might wear a **bushy** wig or
a fake **mustache**.



People wear masks and other disguises.



This man looks handsome in his costume.



Check in the **mirror** to see how you look.



Have fun at Mardi Gras!

Responding

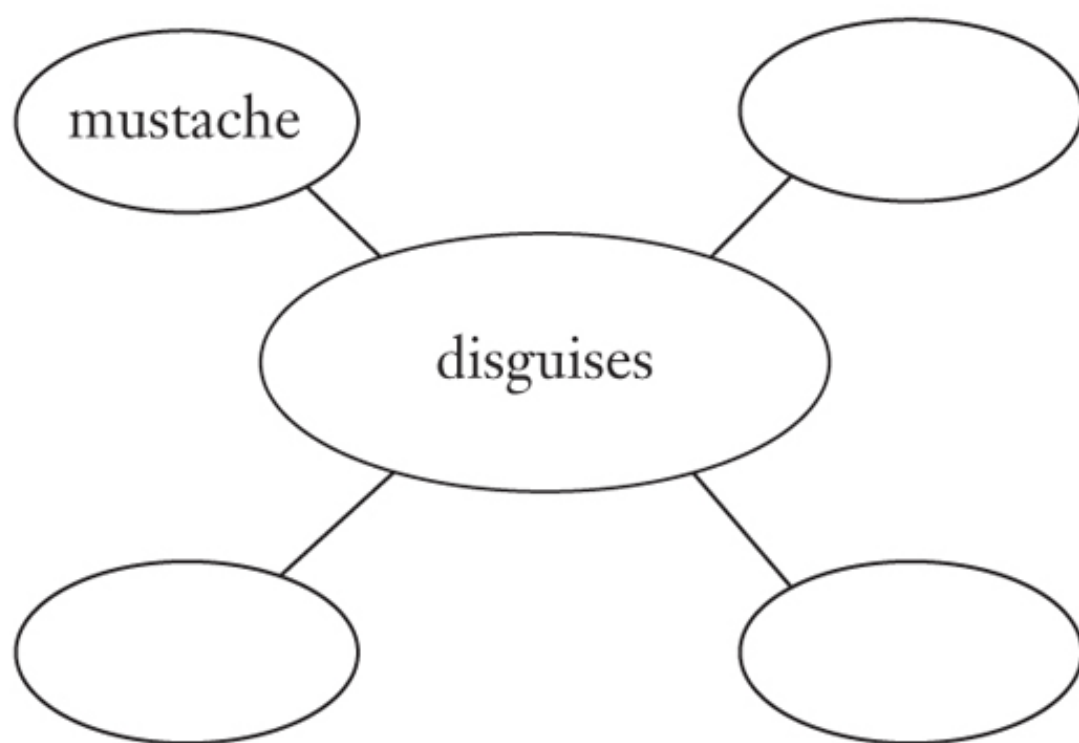
Putting Words to Work

1. If someone is wearing a **disguise**, how can you figure out who they are?
2. My neighbor looks different with a **mustache** because _____.
3. Why would you look in a **mirror**?
4. What are some times when people might wear **costumes**?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Think of a word you learned in the book. Explain its meaning to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser
mirror

Word Builder

Make a word web. Add things that people wear for a **disguise**.



Write About It

What kind of **disguise** would you like to wear?
Use words from the word web and write a description of your disguise.

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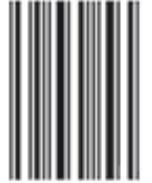
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